

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Franz-Josef RUBRÖDER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Continuation of Application No. 09/991,964	)	
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Filed: Herewith	)	Previous Group Art Unit: 1646
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For: PROCESS FOR THE STABILIZATION	)	Previous Examiner:
OF PROTEINS IN COMPLEX	)	Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D.
MIXTURES DURING THEIR	)	
STORAGE IN AQUEOUS SOLVENTS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper at page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 3-9.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.